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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A massage device comprising a main body in sheet form having upper and lower surfaces and composed of a flexible plastic material and fancifully configured in the shape of a hand with fingers splayed by elongated portions extending from one end thereof, at least some of the elongated portions of the main sheet body that project from one end thereof serving as flexible fingers defining substantial contact areas for massage, and a vibration motor fixed to at least one of the upper and lower surfaces of the main sheet body for producing vibrations in the main sheet body that are transmitted to the substantial contact areas for effecting a massage when the vibration motor is activated and the substantial contact areas are contacted with a person to be massaged.
2. (Original) The massage device according to claim 1 wherein the ends of the portions of the main body serving as fingers are bent downwardly at their ends and the substantial contact areas are defined at the tips of the bent downward ends.
3. (Original) The massage device according to claim 1 wherein the portions of the main body serving as fingers have receptacles formed at their ends opening upwardly to receive the tips of fingers of a person holding the massage device.
4. (Original) The massage device according to claim 1 wherein the portions of the main body serving as fingers are curved downwardly.
5. (Currently amended) The massage device according to claim 1 wherein the vibration motor is fixed to the ~~top~~ upper surface of the main body.
6. (Currently amended) The massage device according to claim 1 wherein the vibration motor is fixed to the ~~bottom~~ lower surface of the main body.

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7. (Currently amended) The massage device according to claim 1 wherein a battery box is mounted on ~~a~~ the rear portion of the upper surface of the main body.

8. (Original) The massage device according to claim 7 wherein leads connect the battery box and the vibration motor, and a switch is interposed in one of the leads to control the operation of the vibration motor.

9. (Currently amended) The massage device of claim 1 wherein at least one skirt extends downward from the lower surface of a second end portion of the main body, the at least one skirt defining substantial contact area areas is defined at the rear end of the main body serving as a heel of the fanciful hand.

10. (Currently amended) A massage device comprising an elongated main body in the form of a sheet of flexible plastic material having upper and lower surfaces, the main body configured with a plurality of elongated strips extending from one ~~a~~ first end of the elongated body in cantilever fashion and juxtaposed spaced apart at their free ends to give the appearance of a hand with fingers splayed, the elongated strips defining substantial contact areas, an additional substantial contact area defined at the other ~~an~~ opposite end of the main body, and a vibration motor fixed to ~~at least one of the upper and lower surfaces~~ of the main body, which when operated imparts vibrations to the substantial contact areas via the main body to enable the device to perform a massage that simulates a hand massage.

11. (New) The massage device according to claim 10 wherein the vibration motor is fixed to the upper surface of the main body.

12. (New) The massage device according to claim 10 wherein each of the plurality of elongated strips includes a tip portion curved downwardly at their ends forming the substantial contact areas.

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13. (New) The massage device according to claim 12 wherein the tip portions each includes a receptacle configured to receive a finger tip of a hand of a person holding the massage device.

14. (New) The massage device according to claim 13 wherein at least a portion of the vibration motor extends through the main body.

15. (New) The massage device according to claim 14 further comprising a cover mounted to the lower surface of the main body, the cover covering the portion of the vibration motor extending through the main body.

16. (New) The massage device according to claim 15 wherein a battery box is mounted on the upper surface of the main body at the opposite end of the main body.

17. (New) The massage device according to claim 16 wherein the battery box partially extends through the main body.

18. (New) The massage device according to claim 17 wherein the battery box and the vibration motor are housed in a common protective housing.

19. (New) The massage device according to claim 1 wherein the vibration motor is fixed to the upper surface of the main body and at least one skirt extends downward from a rear portion of the lower surface of the main body, the skirt defines a rear substantial contact area serving as a heel of the fanciful hand.

20. (New) The massage device according to claim 7 wherein at least a portion of the vibration motor extends through the main body and a cover is mounted on the lower surface of the main body covering the portion of the vibration motor extending through the main body, a bottom surface of the cover defining at least some of the substantial contact areas.